

The Beat



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Macquarie Towns Music Club Inc Newsletter

Coming Club Events

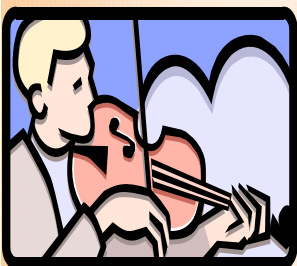
- Latitude is Guest Artist supported by a Blackboard Concert format on Club night 16th September
- Anthony McGloin, professional mandolin player & master guitarist is Guest Artist on Club night 21st October.
- MTMC Annual General Meeting is to be held in the hour prior to the above club meeting. 7pm 21st October
- Bush Poetry Workshop by Terry Regan 6.30-7.45pm 18th November.
- Troubadour Folk Club is Guest Artist supported by a Blackboard Concert format on Club night 18th November 8-11pm.
- Club Christmas party Bash & Jam in Hanna Park Nth Richmond on 16th December 2-6pm.

Coming Festivals

(See the last page)

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Welcome

Hello! Here we are again in springtime finally. I hope that you are all well and keeping yourselves and your instruments in tune and active. I've got lots of news for you and I hope you can find time in this busy, busy life to read 'The Beat'. Maybe in a future issue you will one day contribute some of your little secrets that you have hidden away in those instrument cases and songbooks of yours.

Following our bus trip to the Troubadour Folk Club discussion amongst MTMC members generated towards altering our existing club performance format to include 'Blackboard Concerts'. This discussion resulted from the noticeable lift in the standard of performance while performing in front of a live and interactive audience. So we have unanimously decided to give it a go.

Get Well soon – Ellen Manning

Ellen, our Club secretary has been seriously ill over the last couple of months but is now out of Intensive Care and recovering slowly in the Nepean Hospital, Penrith. Ellen is badly missed considering

her continual hard work for our club that includes the regular publicity and her contact with other venues.

GET WELL SOON Ellen from all the members of the MT Music Club.



Annual General Meeting – October 21

7pm

We have had to cancel the AGM that was scheduled for August because of a lack of executive members available for that date.

It is now scheduled to go ahead at 7-8pm in the hour prior to our October

21st club meeting.

All MTMC members are asked to attend and the agenda will include:

- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of Committee
- New Business

We need nominations for

Secretary and Treasurer, as both Ellen and Taia are unable to continue this service to the Club. This is an excellent chance for anyone who is interested in learning about the running of a club and thus assisting the club as well.

Bus Trip to the Troubadour Folk Club- Woy Woy

What a fantastic sunny day it turned out to be for our bus trip to the Troubadour Folk Club. All up we had 15 participants including the bus driver and even he admitted to having a great time.

Along with the many pelicans, everyone also appreciated the lunchtime at Fisherman's Wharf.

A wonderful local audience was very approving of the assorted performances put on by our members. Feedback from the Troubadour Club praised the beautiful and rare sounds of the Zither from Kath & Alex's performance. Latitude finished off the day with great harmonies & tunes.

The Troubadour will return the visit on the night of our November Club Meeting and will perform as Guest Artists. Be there!!!!



Guest Artists

Maureen O'Brien

On May 20, Maureen O'Brien, from Lake Macquarie entertained the club with her own style of Blues. Her interactive ability in encouraging others to accompany her was well received and all had a great jammin' time with Garry on lead, Patrick & Frank on harmonica,

Richard on banjo and many others singing and jamming along. Maureen is an experienced performer with a diverse vocal experience. Maureen performed some early Blues classics as well as a variety of original songs. Maureen's website is www.maureen.com.au



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Workshops

Garry Ragen – Blues (Stage 1)

On July 15 Garry Ragen presented an excellent Blues Workshop that explained the origins and history of 'The Blues'. With Garry on lead and his wife Sue providing vocal and rhythm guitar accompaniment gave some wonderful examples of differing Blues guitar styles while

explaining their intertwining and interaction towards the development of what we all know today as the 'Blues'.

Because Garry has been to the 'Crossroads' and back he has informed me that Stage 2 of his workshop is electric and may offend the pure at heart. Beware ye...



Guest Artists

Latitude

Our own Latitude is the Guest Artist on September 16. Richard, Selina and Patrick are a talented musical trio based in the Hawkesbury since 2003. They play a blended brew of Folk, Blues, Irish and Bluegrass styles that include original songs and interpretations of traditional pieces. You will hear great vocal harmonies backed by a variety of instruments,

including guitar, mandolin, harmonica, tin whistle, bodhran, slide guitar and banjo.

Latitude has performed at many Folk and Music Festivals including Illawarra, Londonderry, Gulgong and Penrith City Festival. <http://www.geocities.com/bottleneckslide/Latitude.html> The club format for Sept 16 is a blackboard concert.



Anthony McGloin

Anthony's workshop and performance at St Albans Festival was enjoyed so much by Jan & Lee Tame that they requested we engage him to perform at our club. Tony has been performing on guitar and mandolin since 1981 and has just released his debut album,

'Nightflight'. Tony displays both originality and humour in his approach to acoustic guitar finger picking styles and his musical journey has introduced him to Irish, Bluegrass and Jazz styles. Anthony is based on the South Coast, NSW. www.anthonymcgloin.com



Workshops

Terry Regan

On November 18 Terry Regan will provide a 'Bush Poetry' workshop from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Terry recently won 2nd prize for Traditional poem at the Far North Bush Poetry Festival and was also crowned as State Champion in 2003 by the Australian Bush Poetry Association. Terry's 'performance'

poetry has won many other prizes and the workshop that he provided late in 2005 was well received by our club. I recommend that all club members attend this workshop for Terry informs on the technical and lyrical side of rhyme. This information can help all poetry and lyric writers especially.

Extract from 'Seven Miles to Sydney' by Terry Regan.

We had the surf, the beach, the pool and all that bushland too, my boyhood was fantastic with so many things to do.

But when it came to highlights, well, the thing that took the crown, was riding on the ferry all the way to Sydney town.



**Don't Forget
Club Meetings
3rd Saturday every Month**

Newsletter Contributions

We invite all members of the Macquarie Towns Music Club to contribute information, news or articles relevant to our club's interests.

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Member's News

Richard Galuzzi has had an original Banjo Instrumental piece published in the latest Trad & Now magazine. The composition is called

"Castlereagh" and Richard is very proud of himself and rightfully so. Well-done Richard. Keep up the good work.



Festival dates for your Diary

8th to 10th September
Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival in and around the Kangaroo Valley Showground.

13th to 17th September
Turning Wave Festival at Gundagai.

29th September.
Great Southern Blues and Rockabilly Festival. At Narooma, on the south coast of NSW.

30th Sept to 2nd October
(Labour Day weekend).
Uranquinty Folk Festival. Near Wagga Wagga

Enq: Peter 6295 0571

6th to 8th October
Coastfest. At Gosford Showground.

27th to 29th October
Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival. At Dorrigo Showground.



Blow your Trumpet

- Singer, Songwriter and Guitarist looking for a Mandolin and/or Fiddle player to have fun jamming and to play backing on a planned future recording. **Ph: 0412 712 256.**
- Lead guitarist wanted for a Hawkesbury based acoustic easy listening band with work. **Ph: 0414 631 482.**



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